

APPENDIX 7: COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

The County has determined that the use of competitive sealed proposals and the procedures therefor, under R.C. § 307.862 will be advantageous to the County. The provisions of R.C. § 307.862 will govern the award of the contract solicited by this RFP.

The award will be based upon the factors and criteria developed to receive and evaluate each proposal, including the importance of each factor or criterion stated and the evaluation procedures set forth in this RFP.

Proposals will be opened in a manner that prevents the disclosure of contents of competing offers to competing vendors.

Each proposal will be ranked using the factors and criteria the stated in the RFP.

The County may, as it determines in its sole discretion, conduct discussions with vendors for the purpose of ensuring full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the requirements specified in the RFP, and accord fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion with vendors to provide any clarification, correction, or revision of proposals.

If the County determines that discussions are necessary, the same will be held in such a manner as to avoid disclosing during those discussions any information derived from proposals submitted by competing vendors.

The County will negotiate with the vendor who submits the proposal that the County determines is the most advantageous based on the rankings of vendors as determined by the factors and criteria stated in the RFP including any adjustment to those rankings based on discussions conducted .

Negotiations will be conducted with only one vendor at a time.

The County may award a contract to the vendor whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the evaluation factors and criteria set forth in this RFP. The County may award a contract in whole or in part to one or more vendors. A written statement in the contract file stating the basis on which the award is made will be included in the contract file.

The County will send a written notice to the vendor to whom it wishes to award the contract and will make that notice available to the public. All other vendors will be notified within a reasonable time period after the award that the contract has been awarded to another vendor.

The County may cancel or reissue a request for proposals if any of the following apply:

- (1) The supplies or services offered through all of the proposals submitted to the County are not in compliance with the requirements, specifications, and terms and conditions set forth in the request for proposals.
- (2) The prices submitted by the vendors are excessive compared to existing market conditions or exceed the available funds of the contracting authority;
- (3) The County determines that award of a contract would not be in its best interests.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive defects and formalities with the exception of the proposal surety in proposals, and to award the contract to the Proposer which it considers to have submitted the best and most advantageous proposal.